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Seven Die in Traffic, Five in One Crash

Mother, 2 Girls, Youths Killed In Maryland

Autos killed seven Washington area residents last night and early today, five in one head-on crash in nearby Maryland.

The sixth victim was a pedestrian at Fourteenth and R streets N.W. and the seventh died in a crash near Waynesboro, Va. The Maryland collision, on a straight stretch of State Highway 2, three miles south of Edgewater in Anne Arundel County at 11:45 last night, took five lives and injured three other persons. The dead:

Richard Trotter, jr., 17, of 800 Aspen street N.W., killed instantly.

Robert P. Oberst, 16, of 5361 Chillum place N.E., who died in Anne Arundel Hospital three hours later.

Mrs. Cleo G. Smith, 35, of 3200 Kimberley road, Hyattsville, who died instantly.

Charlotte Ann Smith, 14, her daughter, who died en route to the hospital.

Sandra Jean Cook, 14, of 9323 Fourth street, Lanham, Md., who died in an ambulance.

One Driver Among Injured

The injured:

Charles Richard Notta, 19, of 21 Riggs road N.E., who is in undetermined condition at Georgetown Hospital with back and neck injuries.

Ronald David Harris, 18, of 5124 New Hampshire avenue N.W., driver of one car, in Sibbey hospital with head injuries and cuts over the entire body.

Francis D. Banda, 16, of 1307 Sheridan street N.W., multiple cuts and bruises. He was released from Anne Arundel Hospital after treatment.

Mrs. Smith, driving south with the two girls, was returning from a visit at Woodland Beach. Anne Arundel County Police Pvt. Orlando M. Bonar said she had pulled out into the north-bound lane to pass another car and crashed into the north-bound car driven by Ronald Harris and containing the other four boys en route to Beverly Beach for the week end.

Skid Marks for 93 Feet

Pvt. Bonar said the speedometer on the Smith car was stuck at 60 miles an hour and that the other car showed skid marks on the paving measuring 93 feet.

Another victim in the Friday night toll was Nicholas M. Kischitz, 33, of 4884 MacArthur boulevard N.W., killed when his car rammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer on U. S. Highway 250, four miles east of Waynesboro, Va. State Trooper W. W. Kauffman said Mr. Kischitz apparently was traveling at a high rate of speed and did not see the truck in time to avoid it.

The death brought Virginia's toll for this year to 530—24 above the figure at this time last year.

Pedestrian Killed

A two-car collision at Fourteenth and R streets N.W. caused the death of William T. Eatmon, 22, of 1420 R street N.W., a pedestrian struck down by one of the autos.

Police Pvt. William H. Goeren said a car driven by Wilbert B. Grant, 34, of 1735 Kilbourne place N.W., went through a red traffic light, struck another car and then spun into the victim, carrying him 87 feet.

Grant was charged with homicide, passing a red light and unreasonably speed.

The second car was driven by Edward W. Settles, 65, of 818 G street N.E.



MRS. CLEO G. SMITH



CHARLOTTE ANN SMITH



RICHARD TROTTER, Jr.

KILLED—These are three of the five victims of a head on crash in Anne Arundel County last night.

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